

is estimated that fully three million voters are against the saloon. Will they forever be divided by ignorant and ungodly party zeal?

Then there is an element of our population who are so disgusted with the corruption of politics in general that they will have nothing to do with it, not even so much as to vote. It is possible, even probable that there are enough of such to defeat the bum element if they would. Is that love to God or man which prays, "Thy kingdom come" yet refuses to do the simplest and most practical things to help it come? "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's" meant in Jesus' day simply the duty of obeying the laws and paying the tribute, but in our day of popular government it means the fulfilling all the duties of a citizen with the privileges of voting and sharing in the management of the government. People who are too good to share in the duties of citizenship here will not be fit for the duties of citizenship in the heavenly city. *He is a partner of crime who silently permits it.*

Quiet Observer has sometimes wondered too, if the policy of electing officers for life or during good behavior ought not be extended. This policy has helped to make "the judicial ermine" a symbol of integrity. But if a life-term of office removes from our judges the temptation to use their office as a means of plunder or of re-election, why would it not have the same effect upon other officers? The fact is that in Germany and in other European countries it has precisely this effect. In consequence crime is lessened and the people enjoy cheaper postage, cheaper lights and waterworks and transportation and other benefits because of municipal ownership and control. This is not possible here because of the temptation to dishonesty of the short term of office. There are many reforms demanding the attention of the intelligent voter. More anon.

## Brevities

—The boys of Dr. Scholl's mission industrial school built a little side wheel steamer with their own hands, which he believes to be the first steamboat built on the west coast of Africa, and which is still running.

—The next generation will see the Gould fortune pretty well cut up, there being so many heirs. The richest of these will be Kingdon, George Gould's eldest child. His father is rated at \$70,000,000. Kingdon, tho a mere child, speaks German and French, and has picked up a surprising knowledge of yachting.

—Senator Baker, of Kansas, says he started his son, E. Burgoyne Baker, in the newspaper work because he believes journalism is the best training for any young man, no matter whether he intends to keep it up or go into some other profession.

—Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, has been chosen President of the American Society of religious Education at a meeting in Washington, to succeed General John Eaton, the executive officer of the society for the past seven years.

—There were 2 431 train accidents in the United States in 1899 against 2 228 in 1898. The killed numbered 689 and the injured 2,061. This exceeds the total killed and wounded in the Philippines during the 18 months ended December 31, 1899, the excess in killed being 24 per cent, and in wounded 11 per cent.

—Between the ticks of a watch, a ray of light could move eight times round the globe.

—Denmark claims that there is not a single person in her domain who cannot read and write.

—Stonehenge, the group of great stones on Salisbury plain, which is supposed to be a Druid temple two thousand years old, has been offered for sale to the British government to be preserved as a national monument. The price is seven hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

—Spain has more sunshine than any other country in Europe. The yearly average is three thousand hours. In America it is two thousand one hundred.

—A call has been made, signed by many distinguished Christian workers, among whom are Ira D. Sankey, Joseph Cook, Francis E. Clark, Theodore L. Cuyler, Bishop Mallalieu, and Basil Wilberforce, of London, for the circulation of a memorial edition of the late H. L. Hastings' lecture on "The Inspiration of the Bible," of not less than one million copies, as a fitting tribute to the memory of that courageous defender of the faith.

President W. R. Harper, of Chicago University, with other Chicagoans, were received by Emperor Nicolas of Russia, at St. Petersburg, May 28, and enjoyed a half hour's interview with the Czar. It is said to be unusual for His Highness to receive foreigners personally.

—To be perfectly proportioned a man should weigh 28 pounds for every foot of his height.

—Eighty thousand elephants are required annually to supply the world with ivory, and most of them come from South Africa.

—A volunteer in a Colorado regiment at Manila has been cured of stuttering by being shot thru the throat by a Mauser bullet.

—A statue of William E. Gladstone is to be erected at Athens in the gardens of the Zappeion in recognition of his services to Greek independence.

—Great men have their hobbies. Admiral Dewey is no exception. His "fad" is butterflies. He is an enthusiastic collector, and sets a high value upon his collection. It is spoken of as the finest in the land and is insured at nine thousand dollars.

## Our Cream Pitcher

Christian Advocate

The Church shows men the way of salvation. If one should come into the Church expecting to be saved from his sins because he is a member of the Church, he would be disappointed. Salvation is of the Lord. But the Lord is in His holy temple. The place to find the Lord is in His temple. When men find the Lord in other places they are bound to confess that the light which led their feet into the way of peace proceeded from the house of God. "Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, hath God shined." It is not from Babylon, nor from Athens, nor from Rome, nor from Paris, nor from London, but from Jerusalem that the word of the Lord has gone forth to bless mankind. It is not from the school, nor from the store, nor from the Legislature, nor from the Stock Exchange, but from the Church that the light shines that brings salvation. It is not always a costly temple in which the way of life is found. It is sometimes a humble chapel, or a schoolhouse on the frontier, or a lowly cabin, but for the time the cabin and the schoolhouse were turned into a house of God, for the Bible was there, the Spirit of God was there, and the mercy seat was there.

"There is a spot to me more dear  
Than native vale or mountain;  
A spot from which affection's tear  
Springs grateful from its fountain.  
'Tis not where kindred souls abound—  
Though that were almost heaven—  
But where I first my Saviour found,  
And felt my sins forgiven."

Prof. Austin Phelps

The work which a Christian man does in his closing years of life often has a spiritual vitality in it which that of his busier manhood had not. Lookers-on may not estimate it so, but perhaps the "witness of the Spirit" does. I prize every hour of mellow thought and restful prayer which I sometimes have given to me. A suggestion here, an aspiration there; a bit of poetry, rhythmic or not, now, and a prayer then, seem to betoken a ripening soul, even a corus-

cation of intellect, struck out by a glowing heart, and to disclose the fact that some of God's best uses of a man may come after he has begun to feel most useless himself.

Alexander McGaffin

The dreams men have dreamed, the air castles they have built and the visions they have seen, have not all been impossible of realization, but alas, how many of the possible have faded and crumbled and vanished, because men were too self-indulgent, too easy-going, too spread out, to concentrate heart and mind and body in the effort to make dream and vision a reality!

Henry Van Dyke

Is not the best of all our hopes—the hope of immortality—always before us? How can we be dull or heavy while we have that new experience to look forward to? It will be the most joyful of all our travels and adventures. It will bring us our best acquaintances and friendships. But there is only one way to get ready for immortality, and that is to love this life and live it as bravely and cheerfully and faithfully as we can.

John Henry Barrows

The Christianity of the twentieth century will concentrate its energies on three things—the removal of preventable evils, like the open saloon, the teaching and training of children and youth in the gospel of service; and the giving to all men of the moral forces, the comfort, the unselfishness, the hope, the brotherliness, which have been and are the legitimate outgrowth of the Christian gospel.

Bishop Thoburn

Some people will never know anything about Jesus Christ except what they see in the lives of His disciples. We must remind people of Christ by living the Christ life ourselves. We must walk so close behind Christ that people will not see us, but Christ.

## Matrimonial

WESTLAKE—BURRIS.—At the residence of the officiating minister, Buckeye City, Ohio, May 9, 1900, by Elder J. L. Kimmel, Mr. Charles W. Westlake and sister Ursula Burris were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

MERRIN—LEEDY.—At the residence of the bride's parent near Ankenytown, Ohio, June 6, 1900, by Elder J. L. Kimmel, Mr. Frederick Merrin and sister Mary E. Leedy were united in the bonds of holy matrimony. May God bless their pathway.

SNYDER—SUMMER.—Brother U. S. Snyder and sister Emma Summer were united in marriage at the home of C. R. Brumbaugh, Canton, Ohio, June 28th. The newly married couple left for Cleveland, Ohio, for a short visit after which they will return to their newly furnished home in Canton, Ohio. May blessing, prosperity and happiness attend their pathway. W. A. WELTY

God Knows

J. J. MARLEY

O restless heart! why murmur?  
The sun is shining still,  
The clouds seem very near you,  
God knows, it is His will.

He knows the weary heartache,  
The longing and unrest.

"Come unto me," He whispers  
"And lean upon my breast."

What most you wish and long for,  
Might only bring you pain.  
You cannot see the future  
God's purpose to explain.

So trust, faint heart, thy Master,  
He doeth all things well,  
He loveth more than heart can guess  
And more than tongue can tell.